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3 MS. VIERECK: Hello. My name is Jennifer

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5 I want to start by asking all of you at this

6 table if you have read the Federal Register this week?

7 Have any of you done that? A show of hands. Anybody

8 out here read the Federal Register this week? Well, me

9 either. So we've all got something in common.

10 I'd like to point out that DOE's stated

11 policy on notices for the meetings both these and the

12 ones that have been all over the state of Nevada have

13 fulfilled their requirement for public notice even if

14 the meetings are scheduled in such a manner that they

15 can't be published in local weekly newspapers, if

16 they've been published in the Federal Register. That

17 seems rather bizarre. I just wanted to make a note of

18 that.

19 Meetings have been consistently changed,

20 relocated. The timing for a lot of the meetings that

21 have been, today for example, there is another meeting

22 up in independence so that our Inyo County supervisor

23 can't be at both ends of his district on the same day

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24 and this is really precluding some reasonable public
25 participation in these meetings and it should be noted.

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1 I did testify at the Las Vegas hearing and I wanted to
2 recap a couple points. Then I want to talk about
3 transportation.

4 I began that presentation with why this whole
5 procedure is extremely premature and inappropriate.
6 One, the Final Environment Impact Study is not yet
7 complete. So we don't know all the facts. We can't
8 evaluate the situation. In the EIS, the DOE is
9 required to respond to all the comments and according
10 to Secretary Abraham's letter, there has been over
11 20,000 of them, and show how the DOE is addressing
12 those problems. Since we don't have that information,
13 it's pretty hard to evaluate it.

14 The final DOE site suitability guidelines
15 don't yet exist. The PSSE that we're looking at now
16 was based on guidelines that are not yet legal and the
17 legal guidelines weren't used. So it's pretty hard to
18 evaluate that. The EPA radiation standards are still
19 in court, so the current lawsuits could change those
20 standards. We don't know what they're going to be in

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21 the future.

22 So how could we evaluate them? The final NRC
23 licensing criteria doesn't yet exist. How can we
24 decide whether this site could need them? All of you
25 came in today on this road, and I don't know if you

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1 noticed it, but part of the underground Amargosa River
2 runs through this area. On this sign, which will be
3 available later, I have a map of the water flow in this
4 area. This is a DOE map. I got it out of the DOE
5 book. It shows the surface water and the underground
6 water in this area flowing from Yucca Mountain, Lathrop
7 Wells, here's where we are today and down into our area
8 of southeast Inyo County.

9 The yellow lines indicate runoff patterns
10 based on the geological lay of the land. The Amargosa
11 River runs through this area. It's one of the biggest
12 rivers in the western United States. A lot of it is
13 underground, so people don't see it. But right outside
14 of this building, a portion of the building has been
15 flowing above the ground for over a year. There is not
16 any explanation for that.

17 On the south side of Highway 9 past Lathrop

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18 Wells, you can see piles of debris along the highway
19 that were washed down out of Jackass Flats and the test
20 site as recently as 1995. These photographs here were
21 taken. We had some heavy rains on the 5th and 6th of
22 July and within a few hours, we had a crestwater in
23 Tecopa, which is close to 50 miles south of here that,
24 actually about 70 miles south of here, that was over
25 100 feet wide when it came across the road and that
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1 water originated in this area and it came down there
2 within hours.

3 All of these pictures here are taken from the
4 Death Valley junction south to Shoshone and they all
5 show massive flooding. This was after three days of
6 the land drying up and soaking up the matter. So those
7 of us who live down there, drink this water, play in
8 this water, have our kids in this water are extremely
9 concerned that there have been no studies in the Yucca
10 Mountain entire environmental impact process that
11 relate to surface water and how it affects our
12 communities. Here on this land, it goes just past
13 right here, a few miles south of where we are right
14 now, goes pass the Tecopa lands that were finally just

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15 given back to them. I'm sure they're grateful.

16 MODERATOR BROWN: You're at five minutes now.

17 If you want to wrap up quickly, that will be fine, or

18 you can come back.

19 MS. VIERECK: I'll be very quick. If there

20 is time later, I'd like to say more.

21 This map shows the flow of the transportation

22 that is coming from across the country and coming to

23 Yucca Mountain. It gives you a sense of volume. That

24 will be available on the back table. This map shows

25 all the low-level waste that's already coming through

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1 this area. This map is specifically the sites that are

2 coming up and down Route 127 out there right now. I

3 was stuck behind a nuclear waste truck earlier today on

4 my way to this hearing in that mess.

5 This picture is a traffic accident in

6 Massachusetts, 1991. These are nuclear field rods all

7 over the freeway. Some of them fell off the freeway.

8 Some of these are containerized and they're a great

9 deal more radioactive. All the assurances that we're

10 getting about how this is totally safe and there has

11 been no problem, take a look at this picture.

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12 In closing, I just want to say -- and this is
13 very emotional to me -- for the DOE to launch a program
14 of shipping up to 100,000 trucks of the most deadly
15 material known to mankind on our public freeways
16 through most of the major cities in this nation within
17 half a mile of the homes of 50 million people and then
18 say that they are not responsible for transportation or
19 transportation studies because it will be hauled by the
20 private sector, seems to me on a moral par with Osama
21 Bin Laden turning loose thousands of trained terrorists
22 and say that he is not responsible for what happens
23 because they made private decisions to hijack planes
24 and kill innocent people. The outcome in the long run,
25 if this transportation plan is implemented, could be a
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1 great deal more deadly for untold generations to come.

2 Thank you.